

P&A Senate Liaison
Tool Kit
Will Craig, August 2020

General

There are no specific duties or roles for UMRA to play with the P&A Senate. The purposes of this liaison are to

- Make P&A employees aware of UMRA – both our programs and our advocacy efforts
- Bring historical information and perspective to current P&A discussions

I try to attend as many meetings as possible of both the Senate itself and of the P&A Consultative Committee (PACC). This allows me to meet people and understand their issues. On occasion, it has allowed me to speak up where I think I can help them. Senate meeting dates are posted online, but PACC meetings are not, so it is necessary to contact the Senate Staff to get that schedule and be added to invited to those meetings.

Potential Additional Roles

Other roles have some potential (suggested by Lynn Anderson, my predecessor)

- Write occasional articles for the P&A newsletter (Lynn did this once)
- Connection with P&A employees nearing retirement, telling them about UMRA
- Develop mentoring relations between UMRA members and current P&A employees

End of year report

The P&A Senate is quite good about documenting itself, so little additional information is worth adding. Below is the entirety of the text I submitted to the UMRA historian in 2020

The P&A Senate met five times during the 2019-2020 year. UMRA was not discussed at any of them. The P&A Senate meeting minutes and resolutions are filed with UMN Digital Conservancy Archive

In addition, the P&A Consultative Committee files an [annual report](#) with the Board of Regents. Those reports appear each year in the June minutes of the Regents

If UMRA were to play an active role with the P&A Senate in a given year, that information should be added to the report filed with the UMRA historian.